

In loving memory of
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*"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes
in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone
who lives and believes in me shall never die."*

JOHN 11:25-26

PROCESSION *of the* BODY

All stand while the following anthems are said or sung. A hymn, psalm, or some other suitable anthem may also be used.

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.
Whoever believes in me,
though he die, yet shall he live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me
shall never die.

JOHN 11:25-26^T

For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

JOB 19:25-27

For none of us lives to himself,
and none of us dies to himself.
For if we live, we live to the Lord,
and if we die, we die to the Lord.
So then, whether we live or whether we die,
we are the Lord's.

ROMANS 14:7-9

For we brought nothing into the world,
and it is certain we carry nothing out.
The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away;
blessed be the name of the Lord.

1 TIMOTHY 6:7^T; JOB 1:21

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;
Even so, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

REVELATION 14:13^T

The Officiant may greet the Congregation and briefly introduce the purpose of Christian Burial.

The Officiant then says

The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Christopher, being raised with Christ, may know the strength of his presence and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Officiant may add the following prayer

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: deal graciously with those who mourn especially Sarah, Jesse, Ruthie, Andrew, Mary, David, Cindy, Laura, Sarah, and all other family and friends. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The People sit.

The LESSONS

Isaiah 25:6-9

Reader A reading from the book of Isaiah.

⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸ He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
⁹ It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he
might save us.
This is the Lord; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not want.

² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: *
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul: *
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his
Name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death, I will fear no evil: *
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine
enemies: *
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Romans 8:14-19, 34-39

Reader A reading from the book of Romans.

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, OPENING OUR HEARTS

Alleluia, alleluia
Opening our hearts to Him
Singing alleluia, alleluia
Jesus is our King

John 11:21-27

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The SERMON

Fr. Michael Novotny

The APOSTLES' CREED

The Officiant invites the people to stand and says

Let us confess the Faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

Officiant and People

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following or other appropriate prayers.

Let us pray, saying, "Hear our prayer."

Almighty God, you knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord: Grant, we pray, to your whole Church in heaven and on earth, your light and peace.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you in faithful obedience.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your fatherly care, that, casting their grief on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant us grace to entrust Christopher to your never-failing love; receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favor which you show to all your people.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Silence may be kept.

The Officiant concludes with the following or some other prayer

Almighty God, grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, the fullness of life in your eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all your saints, to receive the crown of life promised to all who share in the victory of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

H O L Y C O M M U N I O N

All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward and receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. You may kneel or stand to receive the bread (no wine will be served at this time). After receiving the bread, it is typical to respond with "Amen" and cross yourself. However, some choose to remain silent. Feel free to let people pass by if you do not wish to receive Holy Communion. Parents are free to decide if their child is ready to receive Holy Communion. Children not receiving Holy Communion will receive a blessing when brought forward.

The P E A C E

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

The OFFERTORY

MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED

My shepherd will supply my need
Jehovah is his name
In pastures fresh he makes me feed
Beside the living stream
He brings my wandering spirit back
When I forsake his ways
And leads me for his mercy's sake
In paths of truth and grace

When I walk through the shades of death
Thy presence is my stay
One word of thy supporting breath
Drives all my fears away
Thy hand in sight of all my foes
Doth still my table spread
My cup with blessings overflows
Thine oil anoints my head

The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days
O may thy house be mine abode
And all my work be praise
There would I find a settled rest
While others go and come
No more a stranger or a guest
But like a child at home

Celebrant Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People **And of your own have we given you.**

1 CHRONICLES 29:11, 14^T

The SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who rose victorious from the dead and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The SANCTUS

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
The heavens and the earth are full of Your glory

Hosanna in the highest, O save us, Lord, we sing
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to our King

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

The PRAYER *of* CONSECRATION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in

him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant then says

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Celebrant and People together pray

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The FRACTION

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The PRAYER *of* HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People together may say

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,

**trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.**

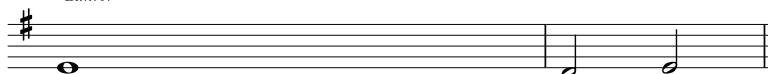
**We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table;**

**but you are the same Lord
whose character is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in
us. Amen.**

The AGNUS DEI

Cantor



Lamb of God, You take away the sin of	the	world,
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of	the	world,
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of	the	world,

People



Have	mer	-	cy	on us.
Have	mer	-	cy	on us.
	Grant		us	Your peace.

The MINISTRATION *of* COMMUNION

Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

JOHN 1:29[†], REVELATION 19:9

VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Come, Holy Spirit, from heaven
shine forth with your glorious light.
Veni Sancte Spiritus.

Come, Father of the poor,
Come, generous Spirit, come, light of our hearts.
Veni Sancte Spiritus.

Come from the four winds, O Spirit, come breath of God;
Disperse the shadows over us, renew and strengthen your people.
Veni Sancte Spiritus.

Most kindly warming light! Enter the inmost depths of our
hearts, for we are faithful to you.
Without your presence, we have nothing worthy, nothing pure.
Veni Sancte Spiritus.

You are our only comforter, peace of the soul.
In the heat you shade us; in our labor you refresh us, and in
trouble you are strength.
Veni Sancte Spiritus.

On all who put their trust in you, and receive you in faith, shower
all your gifts.
Grant that they may grow in you and persevere to the end, give
them lasting joy.
Veni Sancte Spiritus.

WAIT FOR THE LORD

*Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!*

Prepare the way for the Lord.
Make a straight path for God.
Prepare the way for the Lord.

Rejoice in the Lord always:
God is at hand.
Joy and gladness for all who seek the Lord.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.
All the earth will see the Lord.

I waited for the Lord.
God heard my cry.

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord our God.

Seek first the kingdom of God.
Seek and you shall find.

O Lord show us your way.
Guide us in your truth.

BLESS THE LORD

*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.*

Forget not my soul all God's good deeds.

The Lord is forgiveness and redeems our life from the grave.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, abounding in love.

It is God who forgives all your guilt, who heals ev'ryone of your
ills,
Who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love
and compassion.

The Lord is compassion and love, the Lord is patient and rich in
mercy.

God does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us
according to our faults.

As a Father has compassion on his children, the Lord has mercy
on those who revere him;
For God knows of what we are made, and remembers that we are
dust.

I AM SURE I SHALL SEE

*I am sure I shall see the goodness of the Lord
In the land of the living.
Yes, I shall see the goodness of our God,
Hold firm, trust in the Lord.*

SEE I AM NEAR

*See, I am near, says the Lord.
See, I make all things new.*

The grass withers and the flower fades,
But the word of our God remains forever.

Go up on a high mountain, herald of good news;
Lift up your voice, do not fear.

Here is our God! He comes like a shepherd,
he gathers and carries his flock.

To whom will we liken God? Who can compare to him?
Lift up your eyes and look.

Heavens, shout for joy, exult, O earth.
The Lord comforts his people.

Those who hope in God renew their strength.
They shall mount up with wings like eagles.

Do not consider the past. God does a new thing,
Already it emerges, do you not see it?

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The following Post Communion Prayer is used

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

If the body is not present, the liturgy continues with the blessing and dismissal; otherwise, the following Commendation is used.

The COMMENDATION

The Officiant and other ministers take their places at the body.

Officiant Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
All **Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing,
but life everlasting.**

Officiant You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you decree, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All **Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing,
but life everlasting.**

The Officiant, facing the body, says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Christopher. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

The Priest, or the Bishop if present, may then bless the people, and a Deacon or other Minister may dismiss them, saying

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

The Lord has promised good to me
His Word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

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